

FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 3846 – SB 4019

April 18, 2008

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (017057, 014533): Adds language to the original bill. Authorizes the Lauderdale County legislative body to increase the litigation tax from \$10 to \$25, with the funds to be used for courthouse security. Changes the effective date from July 1, 2008 to upon becoming law.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Revenue - \$112,500/Permissive/FY08-09
\$225,000/Permissive/
FY09-10 and Succeeding Years

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

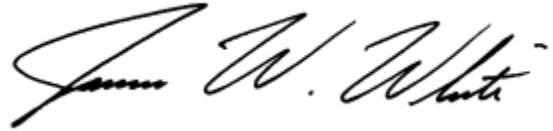
**Increase Local Revenue – Exceeds \$120,100/Permissive/
FY08-09
Exceeds \$244,100/Permissive/
FY09-10 and Succeeding Years**

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- According to the Sullivan County Circuit Court Clerk, the litigation tax is currently \$15.
- The tax increase will increase local government revenue in Sullivan County by \$225,000. It is estimated that this fee will be collected in 75 percent of cases filed (30,000 cases x \$10 x 0.75 = \$225,000).
- According to the Lauderdale County Circuit Court Clerk, the litigation tax is currently \$10.
- The tax increase will increase local government revenue in Lauderdale County at least \$19,125. It is estimated that this fee will be collected in 75 percent of cases filed and that there will be approximately 1,700 cases filed (1,700 cases x \$15 x 0.75 = \$19,125).
- Due to case disposition time lag, only 50 percent of fees will be collected in the first year.
- Changing the effective date of the legislation will not change the amount of revenue that will be collected.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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